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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: SECVISIT: 33RD UNGA: RECOMMENDATION FOR BILATERAL WITH  
SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: (A) STATE 184758, (B) STOCKHOLM 3551

1. AS NOTED REF B, FM KARIN SODER WILL HEAD GOS DELEGATION TO  
33 RD UNGA AND WILL BE IN NEW YORK FROM SEPTEMBER 24 TO 30  
(MOST OF THE 27TH, HOWEVER, TO BE SPENT IN WASHINGTON). NO  
REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO THE EMBASSY FOR A SECRETARY-SODER  
BILATERAL AND WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY SWEDISH APPROACH ELSEWHERE  
FOR SUCH A MEETING.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES, HOWEVER, IMPORTANT US INTERESTS WOULD  
BE SERVED IF A BRIEF MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND SODER  
CAN BE OFFERED, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF RECENT BACKGROUND  
OF US-SWEDISH RELATIONS AND ESPECIALLY THE SENSITIVITIES  
OVER THE US TURNDOWN OF THE VIGGEN SALE TO INDIA.

3. IT IS CLEAR THAT, QUITE ASIDE FROM DISAPPOINTMENT OVER  
SUBSTANCE OF US DECISION, THERE WERE SOME RUFFLED FEELINGS  
HERE OVER PRECEIVED INABILITY OF SWEDES TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON SWEDISH CASE AT HIGHEST LEVELS. FACT THAT SECRETARY  
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TARY SAW MINISTER OF COMMERCE BURENSTAM LINDER WAS A CONSIDERABLE PALLIATIVE TO SWEDISH SENSE OF INJURY, BUT FAILURE OF FOREIGN MINISTER SODER TO GAIN AUDIENCE WITH SECRETARY EARLIER WAS A PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF SWEDISH SENSE OF INADEQUATE EARLY HEARING. IT SOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS SENSE OF INJURY WAS PROBABLY NOT FELT SO MUCH BY KARIN SODER, WHO IS A FRIENDLY EASY-GOING PERSON WELL-DISPOSED TO US, AS BY OTHER IN CABINET

AND IN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRIAL APPARATUS. THIS SENSE OF INADEQUATE ACCESS BY SODER HAS EXISTED DESPITE HER BRIEF LUNCHEON TALK WITH SECRETARY DURING THE SSOD AND DESPITE THE POINT BEING MADE THAT SECRETARY'S BILATERAL SCHEDULE WAS EXTREMELY LIMITED IN CONTRAST TO HIS WIDER CIRCLE OF APPOINTMENTS DURING REGULAR UNGA SESSIONS.

4. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, WE BELIEVE A US INDICATION TO SWEDES THAT A SODER-SECRETARY BILATERAL WOULD BE WELCOME FROM US SIDE COULD HAVE VERY POSITIVE EFFECTS. WE DO NOT THINK SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE USED FOR RE-OPENING THE VIGGEN QUESTION ALTHOUGH SOME PASSING REFERENCE TO IT MIGHT BE EXPECTED AS WELL AS SOMEWHAT GREATER ATTENTION TO GENERAL TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROBLEM. BILATERAL COULD BE GEARED PRIMARILY TO COVERAGE OF VARIOUS BROAD INSTRUCTIONS ON TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, WHETHER IN UNGA SESSION OR OUTSIDE IT, INCLUDING NAMIBIA, PEACEKEEPING, DISARMAMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND TERRORISM. MAIN PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, WOULD BE TO SHOW US INTEREST IN SWEDEN AND MINISTER SODER PERSONALLY (SHE IS ALSO PRESUMABLY ONE OF VERY FEW WOMAN FOREIGN MINISTERS) AND THEREBY TO SMOOTH SUCH RUFFLED FEELINGS AS EXIST HERE AT VERY SMALL COST.  
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